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CHINA
General *DING* Henggao
October 1995

~~(CONF)~~ NAME: General *Ding* (pronounced ding) Henggao
(0002/5899/7559), People's Liberation Army (PLA).

~~(CONF)~~ POSITION: Director, Commission on Science, Technology,
and Industry for National Defense (COSTIND), since June 1985;
member, Communist Party of China (CPC) Central Committee
(CC), since 1987 [REDACTED]

~~(CONF)~~ POLITICS: Ding was an alternate member of the 12th CPC CC and full member of the 13th
and 14th CC. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Ding's speeches urge
military entrepreneurs in every enterprise under his supervision to make greater efforts to apply
civilian technology to develop commercial products that are competitive on domestic and overseas
markets. [REDACTED]

~~(CONF)~~ Ding has excellent family and professional connections. Ding's father-in-law is the late
Marshal Nie Rongzhen, a former Vice Chairman of both Party and State MCs. [REDACTED]

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(C) In a speech at the National S&T Conference in Beijing, May 1995, Ding acknowledged that China's concerns over its S&T deficiencies include a lack of technical knowledge, funding, and human resources. These deficiencies will most likely cause China to remain behind in the development of sophisticated weaponry (modern aircraft and ships) until it is able to resolve these shortcomings.

(C) **PERSONAL DATA:** Ding was born in 1931 in Nanjing, Jiangsu Province.

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~~(CONF)~~ **CAREER:**

- 1953 - Joined the CPC.
- 1952-56 - Served as an assistant researcher at the Institute of Optics and Fine Mechanics at the Chinese Academy of Sciences.
- 1961 - Obtained an associate doctorate degree in technical science at the Leningrad Institute of Precision Machinery and Optical Instruments in Russia.
- 1963-65 - Served as Director of the Designing Section, 5th Research Institute, Ministry of National Defense.
- 1965-77 - Deputy Director, 13th Institute, 1st Research Academy of the Ministry of 7th Machine Building Industry (present Ministry of Astronautics).
- 1977-82 - Deputy Director, 3d Bureau, Science and Technology Division, COSTIND (1977-82).
- 1982-85 - Deputy Director, COSTIND.
- 1988 - Ding was awarded the rank of lieutenant general in October, when ranks were restored.
- 1994 - Promoted to full general, June.

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